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Mr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Josh:

As I mentioned to you at Boston, we should like very much to have you speak at a Genetics-Cytology seminar at Columbia on Tuesday, February 4, at 5 PM (tea at 4:30). This is somewhat earlier than the date I had originally scheduled, but I hope that won't inconvenience you any. (Dobzhansky says we can pay your train fare).

Naturally, what we want to hear about is the recombination story in *E. coli*. I think it is only fair to say that most graduate students (for whom the seminars are designed) have only the vaguest idea of the work, the logical structure of the argument, nature of proofs, etc. since nothing has been published on it as yet. Therefore it seems important to me that you present the story right from the beginning. I mention this only because you may not realize how few people around here have more than rudimentary awareness of the work.

Incidentally, I glanced briefly at the manuscript which Ryan had a couple months ago of yours. Do you have an extra carbon copy of it lying around which you could send me before you come down? There are a number of points I want to get quite straight and then discuss with you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Sager

Note: Please send me the title of your talk for announcement purposes.